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333. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister issued orders sometimes back for immediate release of Rs.105 crores for Andhra Pradesh under the Employment Assurance Scheme to provide work to the people affected by the acute drought conditions in the State ; and

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned and released so far to Andhra Pradesh and the time by which the total amount is likely be released ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU): (a) The Prime Minister decided for advance release of second instalment of funds under Employment Assurance Scheme to Andhra Pradesh in view of the drought conditions in the state.

(b) In pursuance of Prime Minister's decision, advance release of second instalment of Employment Assurance Scheme funds amounting to Rs.83.70 crore has been made to all the districts of Andhra Pradesh . So far funds amounting to Rs.167.40 crore, including the first instalment have been released to the state under Employment Assurance Scheme.

Hyderabad Water Supply Project

334. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed for Rs.1,000 crore assistance for the Hyderabad Water Supply Project;

(b) if so, whether any concrete plan has been prepared to utilise the World Bank assistance;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the state Government of Andhra Pradesh has started work on this project; and

(e) if not, the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPROT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) The World Bank has not yet agreed on the amount of assistance for the proposed Second Hyderabad Water Supply & Sanitation project.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has prepared detailed project report on the Second Hyderabad Water Supply & Sanitation project at an estimated cost of Rs.1488.40 crores for World Bank assistance, which includes conveyance of 90 mgd of treated water from Nagar Junasagar to the city of Hyderabad, strengthening the water distribution and sewerage systems, low cost sanitation, technical assistance and training .

(d) and (e) Preparatory steps have been initiated by the state Government, such as preparation of detailed engineering design, environmental assessment studies, etc. The time by which the work is likely to be started would depend upon the approval of the project by the World Bank.

Balconies of Houses in Lodhi Complex

335. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 'balconies' of some of the Government accommodation of Lodhi Complex, New Delhi caved in endangering the lives of the residents recently;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken by the Government in regard thereto ;

(c) whether the Government have made any investigation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Not applicable in view of reply at (a) above .

Pedne Tunnel on Konkan Railway

336. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Engineers are experiencing lot of difficulties and problems in executing a tunnel near pedne;

(b) the nature of these problems;

(c) the steps proposed to meet problems and complete the tunnel at an early date ; and

(d) the revised date by which this tunnel will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Problems have been faced in excavation of heading of tunnel due to encountering of adverse geological conditions.

(c) The problems have since been tackled and over the last few weeks the progress has improved .

(d) The tunnel is expected to be completed by December, 97.

Issue of Complementary Railway Passes

337. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased ot state :

(a) the number of new complementary Railway Passes issued during the last one year;

(b) the categories of people to whom they have issued;

(c) Whether any specific guidelines have been laid down as to the consideration on which the complementary passes should be issued; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) (i) No. of card passes issued during 1996-97 : 42,086

(including passes issued to Freedom Fighters)

(ii) No. of Cheque Passes issued during 1996-97 : 6168

(b)

S.No.	Categories of people to whom issued
A.	Card passes
1.	Freedom Fighters (cost borne by Ministry of Home Affairs)
2.	Former Minister of Railways/Former Minister of State for Railways/Dy.Minister for Railways.
3.	Former Members of Parliament
4.	Arjuna Awardees. Olympic Medalists. Asian and Commonwealth Gold Medalists .
5.	Recipients of Chakra series of Gallantry Awards (Defence)
6.	Recipients of Presidents' Police Medal for Gallantry and police Medal for Gallantry (Police)
7.	Presidents/Secretaries of National Sports Federation of India, Indian Olympic Association and State Olympic association affiliated to IOA.
8.	Eminent persons & organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities at MR's discretion.
B.	Cheque passes for specific journeys as per guidelines.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In regard to category 8, Complementary Card Passes are issued at the personal discretion of the minister of Railways, to eminent persons and organisations engaged in social , cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities and on compassionate/medical ground. Other categories are self explanatory. Besides, cheque passes for specific journeys, are issued in deserving cases on compassionate/ medical grounds etc. with the approval of Minister of Railways or Minister of State for Railway or Members of Railway Board .

Construction of Hostel in Delhi

338. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plan to construct hostel for its Non-Gazetted Employees working in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) the Government have no plan to construct hostel specifically for its Non-gazetted Employees working in Delhi.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

Survey for Rangiya-Mukongselek Rail Line

339. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether preliminary survey for construction of the B.G. line from Rangiya to Mukongselek has been undertaken; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Peddapalli-Karimnagar-Nizamabad Rail Line

340. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of Peddapalli- Karimnagar-Nizamabad railway line in Andhra Pradesh has been delayed;